



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: U.S. Patent Application of
Burns P. Phillips et al.

Application No. 10/687,267

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For: Swivel Retractor Blade Assembly

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) Examiner: Vicky A. Johnson
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REPLY TO OCTOBER 13, 2005 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

This Reply is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 13, 2005. This Reply is being submitted within three months following the three month shortened statutory time period noted in the non-final Office Action. Accordingly, a Petition for a three month extension of time is included herewith. Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the remarks set forth below.

This Reply is being submitted in a form which complies with revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Accordingly, all pending claims are identified by number and appropriate status identifier.

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.